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SUBJ: OIL EXPLORATION APPLICATIONS

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1. GOM SPOKESMAN DECLARED IN PRESS RELEASE RESPONSE FROM OIL COMPANIES TO GOVERNMENT'S CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 16 BLOCKS IN MEDINA BANK AREA SOUTH OF MALTA "VERY, VERY ENCOURAGING." APPLICATIONS TO BE PROCESSED BY GOM PANEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLOSING DATE ON AUGUST 2.

2. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOM SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED BY JACK D. KNOX, PRESIDENT SUMMIT ENERGY, WHICH IS APPARENTLY LAST OF 12 TO 14 COMPANIES OR GROUPS TO PURCHASE SEISMIC DATA. PURCHASE AT 100,000 DOLS A COPY OF SEISMIC DATA PROCESSED BY WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL COMPANY WAS MADE A CONDITION FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.) ACCORDING TO KNOX, SUMMIT ENERGY WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH TRANS-WORLD PETROLEUM OF NEW YORK, LA-TERRE OF HOUMA, LOUISIANA, INTERCONTINENTAL ENERGY

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CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, AND POSSIBLY AMERICAN EXPRESS IN

BID FOR ONE OF BLOCKS CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED. KNOX WAS ALSO
TOLD BY GOM SOURCE THAT AMONG U.S. FIRMS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
AS HAVING AN INTEREST, ASHLAND HAS APPARENTLY DROPPED OUT.
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